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don't believe that OPS ever accepted any of it. And I would like to ask Senator Raikes a question, if he would yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: In your negotiations with the school districts, did OPS ever indicate a willingness to come to the table on LB 1024?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, I'll try to give you a fair answer to that. I would tell you that I think that the formation of a learning community was in part an attractive feature to OPS. They were interested in sharing financial resources with other districts, but they did not have any support or they were not in support of the arrangement we proposed for voting on the learning community coordinating council...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...nor were they in support of any of the attempts we made to address integration issues.

SENATOR BROWN: If you know, how do you believe they would respond if the Raikes-Chambers amendment were gone? Would OPS support LB 1024 as it was introduced? Would they...or maybe as we have the amendment would they come to the table and work out issues?

SENATOR RAIKES: My understanding is that they would not support LB 1024 even without the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: And so what, if we leave here without having adopted anything, what incentive do we have within the metro community to negotiate on anything?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, I think the starting point in that event is very much...